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SUBJ: FURTHER SEDMAK DETAILS

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1. FURTHER DISCUSSION SEDMAK CASE WITH CONSUL MCCOY BROUGHT OUT SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHICH MAY BE OF USE IN ASSESSING CASE.

2. SEDMAK'S ALLEGED ASSOCIATE, NEDO TOMIC, ALSO IS BEING HELD IN RIJEKA. THIS POINT WAS CONFIRMED BY INVESTIGATING JUDGE WHEN HE ADVISED SEDMAK THAT HIS INTERESTS MIGHT NOT BE BEST SERVED WERE HE TO RETAIN THE SAME DEFENSE COUNSEL BEING RETAINED BY TOMIC. SEDMAK ALSO ALLEGEDLY SAW TOMIC IN CUSTODY AT SOME POINT.

3. IN COURSE OF EXCHANGES WITH INVESTIGATING JUDGE, MCCOY WAS ACCOMPANIED IN RIJEKA MEETINGS (EXCEPT THAT WITH SEDMAK) BY CONGEN YUGOSLAV EMPLOYEE NEDA ZEPIC. ZEPIC REMAINED IN RIEJEKA FOR WEEKEND AFTER THEIR FRIDAY MEETINGS, AND WAS APPROACHED BY SEDMAK'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY. LATTER ASKED ZEPIC WHETHER USG WOULD INTERVENE IN SEDMAK'S BEHALF SINCE SEDMAK "WORKS FOR THE US GOVERNMENT", AND AT ANOTHER POINT MADE REFERENCE TO SEDMAK'S BEING A MILITARY OFFICER. ZEPIC TOLD ATTORNEY IT HER UNDERSTANDING THAT SEDMAK IS A RETIRED ARMY CAPTAIN, BUT TURNED OTHER QUESTIONS AWAY WITH ADVICE THAT HE SHOULD TAKE THEM UP WITH CONSUL MCCOY.

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